

## The State of New Hampshire

## Department of Environmental Services



## Michael P. Nolin Commissioner

May 20, 2005

Leavitt L. Young 2792 North Main Street Pittsburg, NH 03591

Re: <u>Docket No. AF 04-111 Motion to Accept Settlement Agreement</u>

Dear Mr. Young:

Enclosed for your records is a copy of the Motion to Accept Settlement Agreement in the above-captioned matter executed by Anthony P. Giunta, P.G., Director of the Waste Management Division, and accepted by Commissioner Michael P. Nolin on May 19, 2005.

On behalf of the Department of Environmental Services, thank you for your cooperation in resolving this matter.

Sincerely,



cc: Anthony P. Giunta, PG., Director, Waste Management Division Gretchen R. Hamel, Administrator, DES Legal Unit Kerry D. Barnsley, Compliance Attorney, DES Legal Unit DES Public Information Officer Lynn Woodard, DES WMD Thomas Beaulieu, DES WMD Tammy Calligandes, DES WMD Leavitt L. Young 2792 North Main Street Pittsburg, NH 03591

Re: Young's General Store, Route 3, Pittsburg UST ID#0-111252

ADMINISTRATIVE FINE No. AF 04-111

## MOTION TO ACCEPT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

NOW COME the Department of Environmental Services, Waste Management Division ("the Division") and Leavitt L. Young parties to the above-captioned matter, and stipulate to the following:

- 1. The Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Services ("DES"), is authorized under RSA 146-C:10-a to impose administrative fines of up to \$2,000 per offense for violations of RSA 146-C and Env-Wm 1401 relating to installation, maintenance, operation, and closure of underground storage facilities. Pursuant to RSA 146-C:10-a, the Commissioner has adopted Env-C 607 to establish the schedule of fines for such violations.
- 2. Leavitt L. Young is the registered facility owner of five underground storage tank ("UST") systems at the Young's General Store facility ("the Facility"), further identified as UST # 0-111252, located on real property at Route 3, Pittsburg, NH ("the Property").
- 3. On December 30, 2004, the Division issued Notice of Proposed Administrative Fine No. AF 04-111 ("the Notice") to Leavitt L. Young seeking fines totaling \$3,800 for violations of New Hampshire Administrative Rule Part Env-Wm 1401.
- 4. The Notice cited Leavitt L. Young for violating Env-Wm 1401.04(a) by failing to provide DES with a current registration form for the Facility. Pursuant to Env-C 607.02(a) the Division sought a fine of \$1,000.
- 5. The Notice further cited Leavitt L. Young for violating Env-Wm 1401.07(c) by failing to display and permanently affix a permit at the Facility. Pursuant to Env-C 607.02(b) the Division sought a fine of \$100.
- 6. The Notice further cited Leavitt L. Young for violating Env-Wm 1401.11(a) by failing to maintain accurate stock inventory records for all five UST's in accordance with RSA 146-C:5 and Env-Wm 1401.11. Pursuant to Env-C 607.05(a) the Division sought a fine of \$2,500.
- 7. The Notice further cited Leavitt L. Young for violating Env-Wm 1401.25(d) by failing to properly install and maintain overfill protection equipment on Tanks 1 and 2. Pursuant to Env-C 607.05(j) the Division sought a fine of \$200.

- 8. In order to settle this matter, the Division and Leavitt L. Young have agreed to the terms of this Settlement Agreement ("Agreement"), as set forth herein.
- 9. Of the proposed fine, in the amount of \$3,800, 20% or \$760 shall be suspended due to Leavitt L. Young's history of compliance at this facility. An additional 20% or \$760 shall be suspended due to the Facility's small business status. An additional 20% or \$760 shall be suspended due to Leavitt L. Young's cooperation in returning the facility into compliance.
- 10. The suspended portion of the proposed fine, in the amount of \$2,280 is contingent upon Leavitt L. Young maintaining the subject UST facility in compliance with Env-Wm 1401 for a period of two years from the date of the execution of this Agreement. If Leavitt L. Young fails to maintain compliance during the two-year period, the suspended portion of the fine, in the amount of \$2,280 shall become due and payable immediately. If Leavitt L. Young maintains compliance for the prescribed two-year period, the suspended portion of the fine shall be waived.
- 11. Leavitt L. Young agrees to pay the remaining \$1,520 upon execution of this Agreement by Leavitt L. Young.
- 12. Payment under Paragraph # 11 and any payment that becomes due pursuant to Paragraph #10 shall be paid by certified check made payable to: "Treasurer, State of New Hampshire" and mailed to:

DES Legal Unit Attention: Michael Sclafani, Legal Assistant P.O. Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095

- 13. If any payment is made by check or money order that is returned due to insufficient funds, pursuant to NH RSA 6:11-a, DES may charge a fee in the amount of 5% of the face amount of the check or money order or \$25.00, whichever is greater, plus all protest and bank fees, in addition to the amount of the check or money order, to cover the costs of collection.
- 14. By executing this Agreement, Leavitt L. Young waives its right to a hearing on or any appeal of the administrative fines identified in the Notice, and agrees that this Agreement may be entered into and enforced by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 15. The effective date of this Agreement will be the date on which it is signed by Leavitt L. Young, the Director of the Waste Management Division, and the Commissioner of DES. After that date, this Agreement may be amended only by written agreement signed by both parties and the Commissioner. Any such amendment will become effective on the date on which it has been accepted by the Commissioner.

16. No failure by DES to enforce any provision of this Agreement after any breach or default will be deemed as a waiver of its rights with regard to that breach or default, nor will such failures be construed as a waiver of the right to enforce each and all provisions of this Agreement on any further breach or default.

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully request the Commissioner to accept the terms of this Agreement by granting this Motion.

Respectfully submitted.

Anthony Gunta, P.G., Director

This Motion to Accept Settlement agreement is granted this 19th day of May, 2005.

Department of Environmental Services